Share the Road and Look Out for One Another During Bicycle Safety Month

Campbell, Calif. —May is National Bicycle Safety Month and the Campbell Police Department is encouraging more people to get active and safely take bike rides.

"Bicyclists and drivers alike have a responsibility to share the road, be aware of their surroundings, and follow traffic laws to prevent accidents," Chief Berg expressed. "By practicing safety and awareness, we can do our part to prevent accidents and ensure safer roads for all."

To help keep people biking or walking safe, the Campbell Police Department will conduct a traffic safety operation throughout the month focused on driver behaviors that put bicyclists and pedestrians at risk, such as speeding, making illegal turns, failure to yield right of way, and stop sign/red light running.

Campbell Police Department suggests the following safety tips for bicyclists and drivers:

Drivers

- Slow down and follow the speed limit. Be careful traveling through intersections.
- Look carefully for bicyclists and pedestrians before making a turn or opening a car door near streets or bike paths.
- Be patient when traveling behind a bicyclist and give them space when passing. California law requires drivers to change lanes, when possible, to pass bicyclists.
- Never drive distracted or impaired.

Bike Riders

- Use lights at night.
- Although not required for riders 18 and older, always wear a properly secured helmet. Helmets significantly reduce the chance of a head injury in the event of a crash.
- Bicyclists must travel in the same direction of traffic and have the same requirements as any slow-moving vehicle.
- Yield to pedestrians, just as a driver would. Pedestrians have the right-of-way within marked or unmarked crosswalks at intersections.